**Welcome Back for 2016**

Welcome back to school. It is great to see students and staff refreshed and eager to start work for 2016. We welcome our new Principal Don Beaton along with new staff members Jessica McMahon (Grade 2/3J) and Tracy Stone (Grade 4/5R).

A special welcome to our 2016 preps. We are thrilled to have so many new families join us at our school this year, and we welcome them to Hamilton North.

The school also welcomes the following new students and their families to our school: Addison and Ryan who are both in Grade 3 and Jaycob in Grade 4.

**Back to School Picnic and Information Night**

All families are welcome to attend our back to school picnic and information night on Thursday 11th February commencing at 6:00pm. This will be held in the school grounds. BYO picnic or takeaway.

**Assembly – All Welcome**

Commencing from Friday 5th February, our school assemblies will be held at 9.00am instead of 3.00pm in the Multi-Purpose Shed. These assemblies, led by the student leaders, are an opportunity to celebrate and showcase student achievements and we look forward to lots of family and friends joining us. Please note there will be no assembly this week, January 29th.

**2016 PARENT PAYMENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

Due to new directives from the Department of Education and Training, there have been changes to the Parent Payment Policy which determines the amount parents are required to pay for essential student supplies. As a result, the cost per student for these essential items has been reduced in 2016. The school purchases and pays for these items at the beginning of the year on each parent’s behalf - in expectation of parent payment. An invoice will be sent home at the beginning of term one for payment by the end of term one, unless a payment plan is negotiated. Attached to this newsletter is an outline of expected parent costs for 2016.
# Hamilton North Staffing for 2016

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### Class Session Times

The class session times will be as follows:

**8:50am – 11:00am Literacy Block**

11:00am – 11:30am Recess

**11:30am – 1:30pm Numeracy**

1:30pm – 2:30pm Lunch (Eating 1:30-1.45, play 1.45 – 2.30)

**2:30pm – 3:25pm Science/Humanities**

These session times allow for more effective teaching and learning in literacy and numeracy.

### Preliminary Notice - Student Free Day

There will be a pupil free day on Friday 11th March for teachers and staff to undertake professional development.

### Prep Rest Days

Preps will be having a rest day for the first four Wednesdays of Term 1 (3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th February). The Prep teachers will be conducting individual Prep testing on these Wednesdays. Please fill in your child’s name on the timetable located outside the Prep classrooms.

### Tissues

A supply of tissues is essential for each classroom for emergencies. A simple, yet very effective way of providing this supply is by asking each child to provide one box of tissues for their classroom. We would appreciate your assistance with this. If you are able to help, please send boxes of tissues directly to your child’s classroom.
Hamilton School Bus Network
Parents should be aware that it is their responsibility to be at their child’s bus stop at the
designated time for pickups in the morning and drop off in the afternoon. Students should be at
their bus stop 5 minutes before the departure time in the morning.
If there are any queries regarding the morning and afternoon bus stop times, please contact David
Gilchrist at Baimbridge College 5572 2788.

School Uniform – Order forms due back by Friday 5th February
All children are required to wear school uniform every day. Uniform is purchased
on an ‘order only’ basis, and order forms for new school uniform will be sent out
with the newsletter twice a term. The first order form for 2016 is attached to this
newsletter. Payment can be made either when ordering or upon collection. Please
label all items of clothing to enable lost items to be returned to the rightful owner

Rugby Jumpers
The school’s 2016 order of rugby jumpers has arrived and is now available for collection by
families.

Hats
We are a Sun Smart School and school hats are to be worn every day during Term 1 and Term 4.
If a child forgets to bring his/her hat to school, then he/she will be restricted to the shaded area
outside the staff room during recess and lunchtimes. School hats are available from the office at a
cost of $8.00.

Fruit and Water
As part of the healthy eating program, students are encouraged to bring a piece of fruit to eat
during our mid morning fruit break at 10:00am each day.
Students are encouraged to drink water during the day and may have their water bottles with them
inside the classrooms.

Lunch Orders
Pitstop Café provides our school with a lunch order service every day. The updated price list for
2016 is attached to the rear of this newsletter. Lunch orders are to be written on the paper bags
provided in the classrooms, then placed in the lunch order box in each classroom at 9:00am.
Please make sure the correct money is included with your child’s lunch order.

Library
Mrs. Liz Brilley is our volunteer librarian. Library is held every Tuesday. Children are
encouraged to borrow books to take home and then return them within the following
two weeks. All children are encouraged to have a library bag to help protect the
library books.

School Banking
Student banking will be processed each Wednesday – please take your completed deposit book
and money to the office before school and it will be returned to you by the end of the day. For
every deposit that’s made at school, our school will receive a commission. New accounts can be
opened at the local branch of the Commonwealth Bank.

Making payments at school
Payments to the school can be made in cash, cheque or by Direct Deposit. EFTPOS facilities will
be available shortly. If paying in cash, correct money would be appreciated if possible. For
parents’ convenience, advance payments or payments by instalment are welcome at any time.
Please do not hesitate to talk to Don or the office staff if you have any queries.
Choir 2016 Auditions
Welcome back! It’s time to get ready for Auditions!

Students from grades 3/4/5/6 are invited to audition for a place in the school choir for 2016. Before auditioning they must be aware of the following:

- Successful students will be required to make a full commitment for the whole school year.
- Auditions will be solo (singing by yourself) in front of Mrs. Pitman. (Songs can be student choice, and they don’t have to sing a whole song—just long enough to show off your killer singing skills!)
- Successful students will be students who are properly prepared in the audition (clear singing, knows the words, confident, positive energy, willing to make such a big commitment to singing as a strong team member).
- Successful students will have opportunities to perform for events such as Eisteddfod, Art Show, School Assemblies, and the St. Mary’s Christmas Festival.

If this sounds like the choir is for you please add your name to the class list that will be available Monday next week. Mrs Pitman

Pick-Up Zone Guidelines

The school has two designated pick-up and drop-off zones located directly in front of the school in Andrews Street.

- These zones are a 2 MINUTE pick-up and drop off zone between 8:00am to 9:15am in the morning and between 3:00pm to 4:00pm in the afternoon.
- At all other times during the day, the zone can be used for general parking.
- Do not park in school or neighbourhood driveways.
- The pick-up area will be supervised by Hamilton North PS staff members.

How to use the Pick-Up Zone

- You must use the area like a taxi rank.
- You need to stay in the queue with your engine running and move forward as the cars in front of you pick up their children and move on.
- Please talk to your children about which designated area you will pick them up from, so they are able to get to the correct area quickly. You should teach your children to look out for your vehicle.
- You can get out of your vehicle to quickly help your children get in safely (once in the signed area)—however you must not walk away from your vehicle.
- You are only allowed 2 minutes in the signed area and if your children are not ready to get straight into your vehicle at pick-up time, you will need to drive round the block and queue to enter the area again.
## Art, Music, LOTE & PE

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<td>All students are required to bring a named art smock to school to protect clothing during art lessons. Students from last year should have taken their smocks home for washing, so please return them ASAP. Art smocks do not have to be new; they can be old shirts or T-shirts. Please ensure that all shirts are clearly named. Looking forward to a fun and creative year in Art! <strong>Mrs Behrendt</strong></td>
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<td>On the days that students have Physical Education lessons, please ensure children wear appropriate shoes suitable for active participation (i.e. sneakers). <strong>Mrs Wilder</strong></td>
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### Tennis Tournament
The Hamilton and District Tennis Tournament will take place at the Lawn Tennis Club on Tuesday 16th February at 1.00pm. The competition will include singles and doubles in each of the age groups. Any Grade 4/5/6 students who wish to take part are asked to see Mrs Wilder by Wednesday 3rd February.

### HDFA Athletics
During P.E. sessions children in grades 3 to 6 will be training for the District Athletics which will be held at Pedrina Park on Thursday 17th March. Tryouts for each event will be held over the coming week and more information will be sent out once the squad has been confirmed. The backup day is Wednesday 23rd March.
A quality learning environment requires continual investment, only part of which is funded by the government. You can help by partnering with us to ensure the best possible educational outcomes for your children.

**Essential Student Supplies, Grades Prep - 6**

Hamilton North Primary School has spent considerable time selecting the most appropriate supplies to meet the needs of our children. The supplies used in classrooms consist of high quality materials at a competitive price due to our ability to bulk order.

In 2016 invoices for student supplies will be distributed to all families at the beginning of the school year. These accounts should be paid by the end of Term 1 unless other arrangements are made.

Payment plans can be arranged and can include Centrepay for those families receiving Centrelink payments. Please enquire at the office for more information.

The cost of student supplies will be reviewed each year. Unpaid student supplies invoices from this year will be carried forward to next year.

Student supplies include:
Life Ed, required stationery (pens, pencils, markers, scissors), pencil cases, scrapbooks, exercise books, text books, diary, spelling book, software licences and shared classroom supplies as determined by classroom teachers.

**COST PER STUDENT: GRADES P – 6 $130**

**Voluntary Contributions**

Parents and guardians are invited to make a voluntary donation to upgrading our ICT resources and the continued beautification of our grounds. The suggested amounts per child are $35 and $15 respectively.

**Camps/Excursions/Incursions/Performances (optional), Grades Prep – 6**

It is recommended that all students participate in camps/sleepovers (relevant to each grade) and the swimming programs each year, as these are key experiences in your child’s education. Parents/guardians will be advised of costs as they become known.

Each grade will be able to participate in one or more excursions/incursions throughout the year. The estimated cost of these excursions will be $40 per student.

Students will be able to participate in a minimum of two Performances per year. These may be held at school or at another local venue, e.g. the Performing Arts Centre. Parents/guardians will be advised of costs as they become known (estimated total expected cost $15).

**Extra-Curricular and Additional Programs**

Some children will participate in various extra-curricular events throughout the year (e.g. special sporting events). These events are considered optional education items, and are provided on a user-pays basis. Information (including costs) will be sent home prior to the activity and payment must be made before attending.

Families who do not have an immediate capacity to pay are able to enter into alternative and confidential payment arrangements with the school. Should you require information about financial assistance please contact the school’s principal, Mr Don Beaton, on 5571 2433.
# Uniform Order Form

This form must be returned to the school office by **Friday 5th February, 2016**  
(Term 1, Order #1)

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**TOTAL COST** $ __________

For payments via direct deposit:  
BSB: 063513  Account no: 1005 8747  
Reference: uniform/surname

☐ Please invoice Alternative Family ___________________________

☐ Paid via direct deposit on __________ (date)

**PAYMENTS OPTIONS:** Uniform can be paid for upon ordering or upon collection. Paid orders will be sent home with children when they arrive. Cash, cheque or direct deposit only, no EFTPOS/card facility available.

**ABN:** 78386325528

Receipts issued upon request at time of payment.
### School Lunch Order Price List 2016
(Pitstop Café)

#### Hot Food
- Pies - plain meat: $4.50
- Pies - party: $1.80
- Pasties: $4.50
- Sausage Roll - long: $3.60
- Sausage Roll - short: $2.90
- Hot Dog: $3.60
- Toastie (toasted sandwich):
  - Cheese: $3.00
  - Ham & Cheese: $3.90
  - Ham, Cheese & Tomato: $4.30
- Sauce Sachets: $0.30

#### Sandwiches, Rolls & Wraps
- Vegemite: $2.50
- Cheese: $2.50
- Cheese & Vegemite: $3.00
- Ham & Cheese: $3.40
- Ham, Cheese & Tomato: $3.90
- Ham Salad Roll: $5.00
- Ham Salad Wrap: $4.00
- Chicken Salad Roll: $5.40
- Chicken Salad Wrap: $4.50

#### Snacks
- Iced Donut: $1.40
- Lemon, Caramel or Hedgehog slice: $2.50
- Yoghurt – Vanilla or Strawberry: $2.50
- Fruit Salad in Natural Juice: $2.00
- Chips - Plain: $1.50

#### Drinks
- Fruit Sippers (Fresha Juice) - Orange, Apple Black Currant, Apple/Raspberry: $1.90
- Flavoured Milk - Chocolate or Strawberry:
  - Small (Breaker – 250mL): $3.00
  - Large (Oak – 600mL): $3.90

The lunch order service is provided to the school by Pitstop Café. It would be appreciated if the correct money is enclosed and that all monies are secured in the envelopes.

Please ensure your child places their lunch order in the box in their classroom by 9:00am each day.